SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : In view of the fact that there is now a very large demand for Madras-made handkerchiefs in New York and America, will the Government think of opening emporia in America?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not know what demand there is in America for the Madras handkerchiefs, but wherever there is demand, steps will be taken to arrange for sales.

Ayurvedic drugs and herbs

* 2575 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have established any institution—

(*a*) for research in Ayurvedic drugs; and

(*b*) for growing rare Ayurvedic herbs?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) No institution for reseach in Ayurvedic drugs has been established by the Government. But analysis of certain plants used in Ayurvedic drugs is being conducted by a Research Assistant attached to the Chemistry Department of the Presidency College under the supervision of the Professor of Chemistry of the College. Clinical research on Indigenous drugs is being done in the College of Indigeous Medicine and the Lady Willingdon Leprosy Sanatorium, Tirumani.

(*b*) The medicinal and essential oil plants are cultivated in the medicinal farm attached to the College of Indigenous Medicine at Arumbakkam.

Electricity licences for pumpsets

* 2576 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of persons granted licences for the use of electric power for their pumpsets in 1951–52 in Sathanpakkam village, Wallajapet taluk, North Arcot district;

(*b*) how many such applications were for (1) temporary and (2) permanent periods;

(*c*) how many were granted (1) temporary and (2) permanent licences;

(*d*) the maximum period statutorily allowed for temporary periods;

(*e*) whether one Sri M. Narasimhan was first granted a temporary licence and after 2½ years a permanent licence;

(*f*) the date of issue of the temporary licence and the date of issue of the permanent licence;

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(*g*) the rates charged for (1) temporary and (2) permanent licence and the total amount collected from the licensee in (*e*);

(*h*) why tariff (A) rates were charged under temporary period and tariff (E) rates charged for permanent period for the licence in (*e*);

(*i*) the difference of collection between tariff (A) rates and tariff (E) rates from the licensee in (*e*); and

(*j*) whether Sri Narasimhan had claimed refund of the difference between tariff (A) rates levied for industrial purposes and tariff (E) rates levied for agricultural purposes?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: (*a*) One, Sir.

(*b*) Seven applications for extension of supply were received during 1951–52 but they did not specify whether supply was required on a permanent or temporary basis.

(*c*) One—for temporary supply for agricultural purposes;

(*d*) Temporary supply for agricultural purposes is normally sanctioned for a period of only six months in a calendar year.

(*e*) & (*f*) The temporary service connexion which was originally in the name of Srimathi Rajammal, wife of Sri Narasimhan, was transferred to the name of Sri M. Narasimhan in June 1953. The supply was converted into a permanent one with effect from 16th March 1954.

(*g*) Prior to March 1954, II (*a*) tariff relating to industrial supply was applied to temporary supplies for agricultural purposes subject to minimum of Rs. 15 for the first thirty days and Rs. 5 for each subsequent fortnight or part thereof, while tariff II (*e*) was applied for permanent supplies for agricultural purposes. The total amount collected in respect of the connexion up to 15th March 1954 is Rs. 2,987–7–0.

(*h*) Originally, it was not the intention of the Electricity Department to give temporary supplies for agricultural purposes and tariff III of hydro tariffs relating to temporary supply did not therefore provide for the applicability of tariff II (*e*) relating to agricultural supply in respect of temporary supply for agricultural purposes. In the absence of any specific provision, the Electricity Department was applying tariff II (*a*) relating to industrial supply in respect of temporary supplies for agricultural purposes also. In March 1954, the Government issued orders that in respect of future temporary supplies for agricultural purposes, only tariff II (*e*) relating to agricultural supplies should be applied.

(*i*) Rs. 108–5–0, if the revised tariff for agricultural purposes approved by the Government in March 1954 is applied.

(*j*) The answer is in the affirmative.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: May I know whether the refund claimed by the licensee with regard to the difference between tariff (A) rates and tariff (E) rates has been made to him?

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THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : He has put in the application. It is under consideration.

Harijans employed in the Government Bus Service

* 2577 Q.—SRI K. VINAYAKAM (on behalf of Sri T. P. Elumalai) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the number of Harijans employed in the Government Bus Service as Inspectors, time-keepers, in the Office Establishment, and in the mechanical section, including drivers, etc. 9-30 a.m.

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : The number of Harijans employed in the various categories in the Government Bus Service is as follows :—

Lower Division Clerk	1	Blacksmiths	3
Attenders	6	Hammermen	14
Peons	4	Painters	4
Compounder	1	Scrubbers	2
Drivers	40	Liner	1
Conductors	23	Moulder	1
Checking Inspector	1	Tinkers	7
Time-keepers	9	Turner	1
Works Clerks	2	Fitter coolies	12
Mechanics	3	Petrol Pump Operator	1
Fitters	19	Cleaners	38
Electrician, Grade II	1	Helpers	15
Carpenters	8	Watchmen	2
Tyremen	5		

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that in the matter of recruitment to service in the Transport department, no communal reservation is followed even though in other departments such considerations are given effect to? If so, is it due to the fact that the entire staff is maintained on a temporary basis? When do the Government propose to make the department and its staff a permanent one?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : Sir, the hon. Member himself is a member of the Transport Advisory Committee and he could get the information there. However, I may tell him that the Government have issued instructions that as far as possible, Harijans should be absorbed and given preference in all branches of the Transport department.

MR. SPEAKER : With the permission of the House, the question-time will be extended by a few minutes to complete the rest of the questions.